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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, KU

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: KUWAIT NEWTOWN

REF: KUWAIT 2329

1. MR. WHITMORE OVERCASH OF SKIDMORE OWINGS & MERRILL (SOM) HAS INFORMED MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC THAT DESPITE REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF YUGOSLAVS HE HAS NOT GIVEN UP. SOM IS LINKED WITH KUWAIT ARCHITECT WHO HAS CABLED TO SOM THAT SHAYJI MAY STILL ENTERTAIN A PROPOSAL BUT NEEDS TO HAVE EMBASSY PROVIDE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION TO NREC.

2. SOM WILL MAKE JOINT PROPOSAL WITH FOLLOWING US FIRMS: GIBBS & HILL, DRAVO CORP., AND CUSHMAN AND WAKEFIELD. DRAVO IS A HEAVY CONSTRUCTION FIRM AND WILL DO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. THE CAPABILITIES OF THESE FIRMS ARE WELL KNOWN TO COMMERCE AND MAJOR PROJECTS IS SURE THAT YOU CAN RECOMMEND THIS GROUP TO NREC WITHOUT RESERVATION.

3. SOM STATED THAT IT IS NOT REQUESTING THAT THE EMBASSY MAKE ANY COMMENT REGARDING RELATIVE DEGREES OF CAPABILITY AMONG U.S. GROUPS. IN FACT, OVERCASH WOULD BE HAPPY
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IF LETTER TO SHAYJI COMMENDED ALL INTERESTED U.S.

FIRMS AS LONG AS HIS GROUP IS ONE OF THOSE MENTIONED.
OVERCASH WILL SEND TO EMBASSY BROCHURES DESCRIBING ALL
FIRMS IN HIS GROUP (HAS ALREADY SENT A SET TO SHAYJI).
HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LETTER TO SHAYJI
NOT AWAIT RECEIPT OF BROCHURES IN INTEREST OF TIME -
DO NOT WANT YUGOSLAVS TO GET TOO FAR AHEAD.

4. OVERCASH WILL BE IN KUWAIT THIRD WEEK OF JULY.
HAS CABLED SHAYJI FOR APPOINTMENT. WILL CONTACT EMBASSY
FOR ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: A) WRITE TO NREC ON BEHALF OF
SOM AND ITS PARTNERS - AT POST'S DISCRETION PAST
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM OTHER U.S. FIRMS MAY BE
INCLUDED. B) AIRPOUCH COPY OF LETTER TO JANICE
PHILBRICK, MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION, ROOM 3056, USDOC.
C) IN LIGHT OF CONTINUED INTEREST, WOULD APPRECIATE
REPLY TO STATE 104930 DATED MAY 20. IF REPLY MADE,
PLEASE PROVIDE CABLE NUMBER. SISCO

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